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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Manpower

It is astonishing to learn, on the authority of Mr. Grant Dexter, Ottawa correspondent who writes for a number of Liberal papers across Canada, that the manpower being used in wholly non-essential activities increased in 1942 over pre-war years, and in some cases over 1941.

To put the contrast crudely, says Mr. Dexter, we have allowed such industries as musical instruments, clothing, hosiery, tobacco, beverages, chinaware, personal service (maids, laundries, cleaners, etc.), hotels, restaurants, furs and a score of others to use more workers while essential industries like agriculture, mining and lumbering have been drained of manpower.

The weakness in the handling of manpower says Mr. Dexter, is well known at Ottawa. It is thought, however, to be impracticable to break down the present structure and, in this way, seek to recover lost opportunities.

If men are out of work, should they be compelled by the employment, through the power to issue permits, to go where they are most needed; to do so regardless of lower rates of pay? Nobody is prepared to answer that question.

It is not denied, however, that the compulsion hitherto used by national selective service has achieved relatively little. Every time the issue has had to be faced, the administrative machinery has broken down.

It is probably true that the labor department, which now includes selective service and the employment agencies, is better equipped to do a good job than ever before. The next six months will provide an acid test.

Censuring Parliament

Hon. R. B. Hanson raises a grave point when he charges that questions which he submitted for the order paper of the House of Commons have been barred by the censors. He is quite right, comments an exchange, in saying that this constitutes a threat to Parliamentary privileges.

Admittedly, questions can be framed by members which should not appear on the order paper. As has been pointed out, their very phrasing could give valuable information to the enemy. When such questions are submitted, however, it is the Government's duty to see that they do not appear, after it has explained to the member asking them the reasons why it would be indiscreet for them to be published.

Still No Undersecretaries

Two months have elapsed and as yet no Assistant Ministers have been authorized by Parliament or named by the Prime Minister. The pity of it is, says an Ottawa correspondent, that if there are to be parliamentary assistants the system wasn't started months or years ago, for their functions require study and consultation on training. Again, it has been remarked that such positions are not so attractive that they would encourage the kind of men best fitted for such work to take much time out to groom themselves for the tenure of these jobs.

consideration that has delayed an overdue parliamentary reform but it is obvious that if the war ministers are to be fit to discharge their primary responsibilities as directors of the war program they must be relieved of much of their house work.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Farmers are duly appreciative of the abundance of Nature's Fertilizer over the week-end.

The Boy Scouts' Association in Canada had 85,729 members of all ranks as at Oct. 31, 1942, as against 91,334 for 1941, said the 1942 report to the Canadian General Council of the association, given the annual meeting. The figures, the report said, reflect "the large enlistment of Scouters, Rovers and older Scouts in the armed services, and the difficulty of replacing them notwithstanding the continuous efforts being made to this end."

Henry Clay, American statesman, born this date 1777; entered the U. S. House of Representatives in 1811 and served as Speaker; a pioneer of Protection he urged on the war with Britain in 1812; as regards slavery he took a middle course, so that he was mistrusted by slaveholders and abolitionists alike; later he used this as an argument for his appointment as mediator between North and South, and became known as "the great pacificator," was a great orator, and made several unsuccessful attempts to become president.

Mr. Pouliot asked in the House of Commons "What is the difference, if any, between the British Empire and the British Commonwealth of Nations?" Premier King is quoted in Hansard as replying: "The answer is that the terms are used interchangeably." But that isn't the way we understand the two terms. Canadians have been taught to think that the British Commonwealth of Nations includes the United Kingdom, the various autonomous Dominions and India while the British Empire comprises these plus the colonies, the latter term being all-inclusive.

A strange story. Lt. Siegrid Schmidt, 24-year-old German prisoner of war at Gravenhurst, Ont. missing since December 8 has been recaptured inside the camp. Col. Ellwood, camp commandant, said that Schmidt, object of a widespread search since the escape, was apprehended in one of the rooms. Six other prisoners who made a break from the camp in the December 8 escape were captured one day later. "There were thousands of places where he might have hidden," the commandant said. "He probably hid in a different place every day. He made a long pointed chin with the skin of his face. We don't know how it was done, but it was apparently done skillfully with a knife."

The recent great Canadian war manoeuvres in England have, among other things, placed a spotlight on a British general hitherto somewhat unknown to the public. He is Lt.-Gen. J. A. H. Gammell, C. B., D. S. O., M. C., C-in-C Eastern Command. Gen. Gammell commanded the "Eastland" or "German" force against McNaughton's advancing army and he handled his men and armor with such talent as to attract the attention of military observers examining the exercise. His performance under many handicaps has placed him in the popular list of those commanders figured as our Second Front directorate. He has a fine record as a field commander in two wars and has been in charge of the organization of important sections of the British Army. His talents probably have been long familiar to the War Office but he was a new name to the war correspondents covering the exercise.

Mr. Rene Chalouit, lone Bloc Populaire member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, told the Lower House that the best way the government could put national resources of the province under public ownership would be to seize the resources first and bargain afterwards. Speaking during the budget debate, Mr. Chalouit said that the government should imitate the examples set in 1938 by Mexico which seized the oil wells of Britain, France and the United States before bargaining with the owners. Mr. Chalouit said that the government should "nationalize" all hydraulic-power companies, all mines, all banks, all fertilizer companies and many other resources. A provincial state bank should be created. "State-ownership is the only way that we will be able to free French Canadians from the yoke of the minority," he added. Canada, he said, was living under an economic dictatorship. "Our political parties are dominated by economic dictatorship. Our two old parties are thus directed. That is why the policies never change."

Barring the unforeseen, Captain Eden, it is predicted, is apparently destined to become Britain's next Prime Minister. Every direction post around Whitehall points to the Foreign Minister as successor to Winston Churchill whenever this amazing man decides to step out of public office. This should not be interpreted to mean that there is the least likelihood of Mr. Churchill leaving No. 10 Downing street before he has completed the work of this war. Mr. Churchill's political strength and public esteem have never been higher. He is Britain's war leader in the exact sense of the word; the people have set him above politics. But those who know Mr. Churchill well and who know the extent to which he holds himself a slave to his own sense of history are convinced he will step down as soon as he has completed his job at the peace table. Anthony Eden is the natural successor. His strength in the Conservative Party is great. He is the only Tory in the government who could command the co-operation of the Labor members. If continuance of the national government is held necessary for the period of post-war reconstruction, Eden will fall heir to Churchill's job. If a general election is held soon after the war, it is now considered likely the Conservatives will retain control of the Commons.

Notes By The Way

No matter if you spend your money in small amounts, there will be none left if you spend it all.—Kitchener Record.

Now that handles are off leucopis, there may be a growing agitation to leave the bottom out of beverage glasses.—Toronto Telegram.

Thousands of railway engines are being built in blacked-out workshops and Great Britain and the United States are combining their resources to produce a record output of locomotives.—Times Trade and Engineering.

What we have wasted so freely by careless methods in the past must be overcome now by a worthwhile policy of reformation if we hope to keep this industry at its high place as the second largest employing industry in Canada.—Amherst News.

The trend in thought is very much in the direction of social security and in our present delirium, when we speak glibly of billions of dollars being poured into the war effort, we accepted so nonchalantly as we would the annual statement of a cheese factory.—Farmer's Advocate.

The trouble with this war is that there are too many so-called authorities interpreting the news instead of simply reporting it. By the increasing number of newspaper preachers on the air and in the press, one would almost get the impression that Canada and the United States were nations of morons, unable to think for themselves.—Exchange.

Observing the behaviour of crowds is frequently discouraging to anyone who wishes to believe that man is a noble creature. He is not. He is a creature of the crowd that are using the mass-transportation system in this city today. Why the people are even being urged to move back in the aisles without being treated as by automaton! The war, far from increasing, has reduced public silliness; it makes one think better of the race.—Baltimore Sun.

When he was lieutenant-governor of Malta, at fifty-two, Sir Harry Charles Luke swam five Mediterranean miles from Gozo to Malta in four hours and forty-five minutes "and at the finish showed no signs of fatigue." Until he resigned as high commissioner for the Western Indies, he spent his spare time in thirty-four years in the British colonial service learning about seas, islands and evil men. From his London retirement, Sir Harry spoke on what he had learned after the war: "The ideal place of residence for them would be Falcon Island in the Pacific. It is a volcanic type and sinks into the sea for a period of months and then rises again"—Time.

If anyone thinks that prices are high now, let us go back a quarter of a century and see for himself what they were in the World War when there was no price control to speak of. Then you paid at least 10 cents for sugar, 15 cents for butter and 30 cents a pound for lard. When we had been in that war as long as we have been in this one, the retail prices that you paid for necessities of life were twice as high on the average as they are today. The reason for the difference, and the only reason, is price control. Even with such control it is not possible to prevent the cost of living from steadily advancing. But under control it rises much less rapidly than without control.—Providence Journal.

A letter carrier, not otherwise identified in a story in the Boston Globe, speaks of the word for Americans. These days the mail bags are heavy with letters marked "free" letters from all over the world from men in service. The men who deliver the letters, particularly in a small town, soon learn all the news, good and bad, along their routes. Those who get the letters in feel in duty bound to tell the man who brought them what Joe said or how Bill likes army life. Thus the recommendation of the named letter carrier comes with the weight of authority. "I have never heard any of them say they were sorry that their sons or husbands were in service. Most of them seem to be proud." This is as good a recommendation as any Americans could get, and it comes from one who knows them pretty well.—New York Sun.

Fabulous wealth lies idle, buried in jewels in this state where feudal customs of 300 years ago live side by side with modern progress. Some people say the people of Hyderabad, the richest man in the world. There are legends about gold and jewels buried in his vaults. He has not seen them, but I have held in my hand a long string of pearls and emeralds as big as pigeon eggs belonging to one of the Hyderabad noblemen. One of the noblemen offered me to choose among small diamonds dug in the mines of his estate. These mines were famous in old times. The Golconda Mines, but now are exhausted. My friend held a silver box and it was filled with stones, not too valuable, but good enough for our Western taste. I felt embarrassed and took a small stone, but he picked one big enough to set in a ring and gave it to me as though he were giving a piece of gold. I had lunch in a palace owned by the Maharaja, Bahadur, whose grandfather was a famous Prime Minister. Salajum has no wives and no heirs, yet his wealth is inferior only to that of the Nizam. After lunch I was taken through his collections of lovely Persian miniatures and Western pictures—most of which were third rate—beautifully set in a box with two diamonds, rows of emerald buttons and strings of pearls that would hang below the waist if worn. Some of the emeralds had verses from the Koran carved on them, others had full Chinese inscriptions. At Komaljar, Jung, at the house of a nobleman, whose wife I visited in her zenana, I saw a rod's head as a goose head carved in light green emeralds. When I asked about the Golconda diamond mines, he said casually "They are in my land, but the diamonds must mature for some time yet"—Sonia's Diary from Hyderabad, India.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

THE WORD OF GOD

Sir—Any creed or theology that cannot be backed up with the Word of God, is false. Sceptics and Scoffers would dare any work of the devil, yet even their efforts to rob the Bible of God's plan of salvation are vain.

In the last Chapter of the Bible is this verse "And if any man shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things that are written in this book." Rev. 22:19.

"The Spirit of God"—that is Force.

"And the Spirit of God"—that is Force.

"Moved upon the face of the deep"—that is Motion.

Great philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle, believed that the world was square yet if they had read Isaiah 40:22, where God inspired Isaiah to write:—

"It is he that sitteth upon the Circle of the Earth" they would have "wondered that the Earth is round. We ask the question why God did not reveal the inspired Word of God and you will learn that "God's Word is forever settled in Heaven" no man made modern theology will stand the test.

"He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh: The Lord shall have them in derision." Psalms 2:4.

When a false cult says there is change in Heaven that does not change the Word of God, the fact is still there.

If you want to be a good Scientist study your Bible where you can agree with the true Science the world has ever known.

The Bible has been fought by spiritualists, Alchemists, and Agnostics, of all kind, yet is indestructible because it is infallible.

I am, Sir, etc.

MAY EATON.

Alberta Does It again!

(The Lethbridge Herald)

Alberta defaulted on another large bond issue on Tuesday, bringing the total of defaults up to more than \$28,800,000.

What the Alberta Government has been responsible for doing in its financial dealings is to put \$150,000,000 of Alberta bonds on the bargain counter. Instead of bonds of this rich Province being near par they have been selling from \$57 to \$70. The speculators who have faith in long term investments have been picking them up at bargain prices, and if ever Alberta becomes honest again, the trustful souls who, years ago, invested in Alberta's offerings at par.

Albert's we take it from the action of the Members of the Legislature at the present session, is going to try, after seven years in the wilderness, to get back on the straight and narrow road of honesty. We hope for the sake of the people who thought Alberta's honor was to be trusted that we will soon get out of the present mess.

If Alberta is going to progress and attract people and capital after the war, we will have to repair the damage done by the Province in a manner that hasn't made us proud.

\$11,082,966 for Naval Training

OTTAWA, April 9 (CP)—Total expenditures by the government to March 1 for the establishment of the naval training establishment, Brook, N. S., were \$11,082,966 it was reported in a return tabled in the Commons today in response to a request by P. C. Black (Prog. Con. Cans.)

On completion it is expected to have 6,000 under training at the establishment at one time, with an operating staff of 2,178; the return said.

Estimated annual operating cost is \$3,580,882, including expenses of the operating personnel.

BERNE, April 9 (AP)—A dispatch to the Gazette de lausanne said today British planes frequently have landed in France and picked up youths anxious to join the allied forces either in London or Africa.

During the first two weeks in March, the newspaper reported, British planes landed at La Palisse and transported 60 French youths. When the Germans learned of the organization working to facilitate the departure, they arrested 20 hostages from the population of La Palisse and plowed up the fields which had been used for landings, the Gazette said.

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OIL PRODUCTION FISH
According to Dr. Cecil Von Bonde, South African director of fisheries, South African fishing banks contain greater quantities of oil producing fish than do the banks of Newfoundland.

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Commencing April 7th, 1943, and until further notice, all highways in this province are closed for motor vehicle traffic, except in such cases where the total weight of vehicle and load does not exceed 5,000 pounds.
Anyone driving on provincial highways contrary to this order shall be duly prosecuted.
Dated the 5th day of April, A.D. 1943.
By Order,
O. W. CAMPBELL,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council

NOTICE
RE: ESSENCES
By an amendment of the Prohibition Act passed at the recent session of the Provincial Legislature, the sale of essences or extracts containing more than two and one-half per cent of alcohol by volume is prohibited in the Province of Prince Edward Island.
Any person or firm having a stock of such extracts or essences on hand may ship the same out of the Province on or before May 1st, 1943. If any such stocks cannot be disposed of at cost, the holder must notify the Attorney General on or before May 1st, 1943, stating the kinds and quantities of such alcoholic essences and extracts on hand. The Attorney General will then arrange for the purchase or disposition of such reported stocks.
Dated this 9th day of April, A. D. 1943.
MARK R. MacGUGAN,
Attorney General.

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The Poet's Corner
ON THIS WAR
We've ridden out storms before and we'll ride out this one. Ride it out and get through. It won't be done by the greedy and the go-getters. The stouthearted, the 'Yes, but' men and the handsome phonies. The men who want to live in their fathers' pockets. The folks who barely believe and the bitter few. I'll be done by the river of people. The mountain of the people, the great plain. Grown to the wheat of the people. Plowed by their suffering, harrowed by their hope. I'll be done by the proud walker, Democracy. The walker in proud shoes. Get on your feet, Americans, and say it.
—Stephen Vincent Benet.

NO DOCTOR
ATHLONE, Que.—(CP)—Kate Madden, who never had to go to a doctor in her life, died at Athlone, at 112 years of age.

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